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TO USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA PRIORITY

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FOR AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PARM, PFOR

SUBJECT: 'OPEN LETTER' TO PRESIDENT ON SALT II

1. LEADING DEMOCRATS, INCLUDING FORMER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ISSUED 'OPEN LETTER' TO PRESIDENT CARTER URGING HIM TO CONTINUE SPEAKING OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO BARGAIN HARD IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS.

2. LETTER WAS INITIATED BY COALITION FOR DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY. PARTICIPATING IN PRESS CONFERENCE FRIDAY WERE FORMER MICHIGAN CONGRESSMAN JAMES G. O'HARA, FORMER UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE EUGENE ROSTOW, AND FRANCIS P. HOEBER, PRESIDENT OF HOEBER CORPORATION OF ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

3. SOME 75 PROMINENT PERSONS SIGNED LETTER. O'HARA ANNOUNCED THAT COALITION, FOUNDED IN 1972, IS STILL NEEDED  
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AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST, AND THAT SENATORS HENRY JACKSON AND DANIEL MOYNIHAN HAD AGREED TO SERVE AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN.

4. "OPEN LETTER" SAID CARTER'S SALT STANCE "COMBINES TWO ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE AMERICAN POLICY -- DEDICATED PURSUIT OF MAJOR REDUCTIONS IN WEAPONRY AND FIRMNESS IN OUR

INSISTENCE ON MEANINGFUL PARITY OF FORCES." SIGNATORIES NOTED THAT DETAILS OF AMERICAN SALT PROPOSALS HAD NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC, BUT SAID "WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THESE PROPOSALS AIM AT PROPER GOAL -- CLEARLY VERIFIABLE ARMS REDUCTIONS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE STABILIZING BALANCE IN NUCLEAR WEAPONRY."

5. "OPEN LETTER" SAID GOAL OF ARMS LIMITATION "IS NOT BALANCE IN NUMBER OF FORCES REDUCED, BUT RATHER BALANCE IN NUMBER OF FORCES WHICH REMAIN AFTER REDUCTIONS. IN THIS LIGHT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT QUESTIONS RAISED BY RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN ANALYSTS THAT INITIAL AMERICAN PROPOSAL MIGHT LEAVE TOO GREAT SOVIET ADVANTAGE IN CERTAIN RESPECTS." PRESIDENT CARTER WAS URGED TO GIVE "CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THESE QUESTIONS IN FORMULATING AND REVISING U.S. POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LIE AHEAD."

6. ROSTOW, IN PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID PAUL NITZE AMONG "CAREFUL STUDENTS" OF ARMS CONTROL WHO HAD "REACHED DIS-QUIETING CONCLUSIONS" ABOUT WHETHER CARTER PROPOSAL IS SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS AND ACHIEVE GOALS HE SET OUT. CHRISTOPHER

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